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New Forests Company and plantation, Uganda

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▼ Description of the conflict case

An Oxfam report alleged that up to 22,500 people were evicted from their land in Kiboga and Mubende districts by the Ugandan National Forestry Authority to make way for the NFC plantation, with Oxfams work with the communities concluding that many have been left destitute (Grainger and Geary 2011). Testimonies from villagers suggest that no consultations were undertaken prior to eviction, and that some people were even violently forced from their land (Institute for Security Studies, 2011).

These allegations concern the manner in which illegal encroachers were moved from the central forest reserves of Namwasa and Luwunga. Oxfam claims that the government failed to consult the encroachers and that violence was used during the evictions (Oxfams term) / vacations (the government term) (Institute for Security Studies (ISS) 2011). Oxfam claims that interviewees state that they did have lawful entitlement to the land, upon some of them had lived there for more than 40 years, far pre-dating the inception of the incumbent government or even the onset of democracy in the state. The NFC claims to be an innocent bystander to government-led evictions.

Basic data**Conflict name**

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Conflict country

[Uganda](#)

State or province

Central Uganda

Location of conflict

Kiboga and Mubede districts

Accuracy of location

LOW (Country level)

Source of conflict**Type of conflict. 1st level**

Biomass and Land Conflicts (Forests, Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Management)

Type of conflict. 2st level

Plantation conflicts (incl. Pulp

Land acquisition conflicts

REDD/CDM

Other types**Specific commodities**

[Other](#)

[Land](#)

[Carbon offsets](#)



Project details and actors

Technical information of the contested project

Project area

6500

Level of Investment for the conflictive project

Type of population

Rural

Affected population

Start of the conflict

2005

End of the conflict

Company names or state enterprises

[New Forests Company](#) from [Unknown](#)

Relevant government actors

Ugandan National Forestry Authority

International and Finance Institutions

[European Investment Bank](#)[Corporación financiera Internacional](#)

Civil society organizations and their web pages, if available

Oxfam

▼ **Conflict & Mobilization**

Conflict intensity

LATENT (no visible organising at the moment)

Reaction stage

UNKNOWN

Groups mobilizing

- Indigenous groups or traditional communities
 - Local ejos
 - Social movements
 - Farmers and peasants
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Other Mobilizing Groups

Forms of mobilization

- Development of a network/collective action
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Other Mobilizing Forms

∨ **Impacts**

Environmental Impacts

Potential

- Biodiversity loss (wildlife, agro-diversity)
 - Food insecurity (crop damage)
 - Global warming
 - Loss of landscape/aesthetic degradation
 - Soil erosion
 - Deforestation and loss of vegetation cover
 - Groundwater pollution or depletion
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Other Environmental impacts

Health Impacts

Potential

- Occupational disease and accidents
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Other Health impacts

Socio-economical Impacts

Potential

- Loss of livelihood
 - Loss of traditional knowledge/practices/cultures
 - Land dispossession
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Other Social Economical impacts

∨ Conflict outcome

Project Status

In operation

Conflict outcome / response

Other Outcomes

Proposal and development of alternatives

Do you consider this an environmental justice success? Was environmental justice served?

Not sure

Briefly explain

No data on success of campaign.

Other comments

∨ Source & materials

References to published books, academic articles, movies or published documentaries

Related media links to videos, campaigns, social network

Oxfam calls on the New Forests Company to investigate Uganda land grabs

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The NYT, In Scramble for Land, Group Says, Company Pushed Ugandans Out

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FCS watch

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Wrongkindofgreen:

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CDM Africa

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Redd Monitor

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New Forest Companys reply to Oxfam

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Documents

▼ Meta Information

Collaborator

Patrick Bond

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822

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